# Town of Moreau Task Force Meeting 3 Thursday, August 22, 2024

**Meeting Notes** 

The meeting started at 6:01pm

## **Task Force Members Present**

Ed Smith
Dan Galusha
Bradley Toohill
Sandy Mahoney
Jesse Fish, ex-officio
John Donohue, ex-officio

# Also Present

Josh Westfall Building Planning & Development Coordinator

Katrina Flexon Building Department Clerk

<u>Committee Task:</u> The Town Board enacted a moratorium on zoning districts M1, M1A, and M2 in April. The moratorium on these districts lasts for 9 months, the expiration will be in December 2024. During the moratorium the Town Board intends to update the discussed zoning districts, it is their wish to involve the public in this process. As such they have created a Zoning Task Force Committee to get the public involved. This Committee includes Town residents, businesspeople, and property owners. They will discuss options with the Town Zoning Administrator and produce a proposal to present the Town Board as advisory in the Town Boards decision regarding the zoning districts revision.

## **Zoning Task Meeting 4 consisted of the following:**

Review of M1 Draft Section Review of M1A Draft Section Review of M2 Draft Section Supplementary Regulations Outstanding Concerns

Mr. Westfall opened the meeting by reading the agenda.

## Discussion & Review of M1 Draft Section

- **Mr. Westfall** presented the Task Force with a Draft Zoning Update for the M1 District. This included the following details: intent, Purpose, Applicability, Permitted Uses, Uses Strictly Prohibited, General Requirements, Performance Standards, Exceptions.
- **Mr. Toohill** asked what the difference between Permitted Uses number 3 and 4 they don't look different.
- Mr. Westfall stated these two uses can be combined in the next draft if they seem too similar.
- **Mr. Westfall** commented on Special Permitted Use number 5 & 6, he stated that the intention for this permitted use add is not to create more of a draw for the general public.
- **Mr. Westfall** commented on Permitted Use number 10, he stated this use will be different than the solar law the Town Board is considering currently.
- **Mr. Galusha** comments on Permitted Use number 11, he cautioned the Town of decibel levels in the code due to a variety of changes that can affect the noise levels on a property.
- **Mr. Westfall** stated on the Permitted Use with special permit number 3 he would include supplementary regulations.
- **Mrs. Mahoney** questioned having permitted use with special permit number 4 sand and gravel, if it was a good fit for the Park.
- **Mr. Westfall** stated on the Permitted Use with special permit number 3 he would include supplementary regulations.
- **Mr. Toohill** commented on Uses strictly prohibited E.2 the wording to be changed from alcohol to non-consumable alcohol. He also suggested to strike out the word research in nuclear research and development in Strictly prohibited E.8
- **Mr. Toohill** suggested adding wording for loading in the rear for General Requirements number 3.
- Mrs. Mahoney asked if the noise ordinance could be updated to a later time, for example 7:00am.

#### Discussion & Review of M1A Draft Section

- **Mr. Westfall** presented the Task Force with a Draft Zoning Update for the M1A District. This included the following details: intent, Purpose, Applicability, Permitted Uses, Uses Strictly Prohibited, General Requirements, Performance Standards, Exceptions.
- Mr. Toohill suggested combining Permitted Uses number 3 and 4 due to similarity.
- Mr. Westfall stated these two uses can be combined in the next draft.

#### Discussion & Review of M2 Draft Section

**Mr. Westfall** presented the Task Force with a Draft Zoning Update for the M2 District. This included the following details: intent, Purpose, Applicability, Permitted Uses, Uses Strictly Prohibited, General Requirements, Performance Standards, Exceptions.

Regarding Permitted Uses number 1. The present members of the Task Force unanimously agreed to have higher intensity industrial uses transferred from M1 to M2.

- Mr. Toohill suggested combining Permitted Uses number 3 and 4 due to similarity.
- Mr. Westfall stated these two uses can be combined in the next draft.

## **Set Next Meeting Date**

**Mr. Westfall** suggested to schedule the next Zoning Task Force Meeting Date between Thursday September 12 and 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board agreed to schedule the meeting for Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

### **Outstanding Comments & Concerns**

**Mrs. Mahoney** mentioned her thoughts on the fact that school taxes go out to Hudson Falls from the Industrial Park and if there is an agreement the Town can come to with them to change this.

**Mrs. Mahoney** stated part of the problem is interest, she suggested the Town and Industrial Park put it out there that the Park was going to go residential and see if any developers would be interested in buying.

Mr. Toohill stated that extending the UR zoning might be a good option for the Town.

# **Next Steps**

**Mr. Westfall** stated that by the next meeting the Tast Force he will be finalizing another Draft with supplementary regulations such as solar battery storage etc. Prior to the meeting he will reach out for any final comments.

**Mr. Endal** was not present at Meeting 3 but he did send his comments via email which were brought to the meeting and read.

**Mr. Westfall** spoke with Mrs. Ostrander via phone conversation on Friday morning in regard to her zoning comments and concerns.

Mr. Westfall is anticipating comments from other absent members as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Meeting Notes Taken By,

Katrina Flexon

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